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Application Type	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100		
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65		
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300		
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0		

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES		Small Entity
Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
	- 20 or HP				Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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